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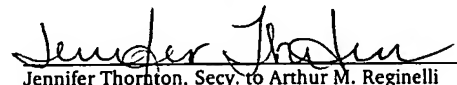
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
HOGAN, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/526,132  
Filed: February 28, 2005  
For: FUNCTIONALIZED  
POLYMERS AND IMPROVED  
VULCANIZATES THEREFROM  
Customer No.: 48985

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BEFORE THE EXAMINER:  
Roberto Robago  
Group Art Unit No.: 1713

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Response and Amendment  
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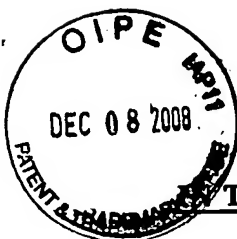
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0925.

Respectfully submitted,



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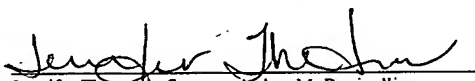
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Dear Examiner:

In response to the communication dated November 13, 2008, and the Office Action dated February 25, 2008, the Applicants, through their attorney, respond as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in a listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.